

Vietnam: Key Economic Indicators

	2000 Year	2001 Year	2002 Year	2003 Year	2004 p/ Year	2005 p/ Year
Output, Employment and Prices						
GDP (% change previous year)	5.5	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.5
Industrial production index (% change, previous year)	15.7	14.6	14.5	16.0	16.0	16.0
Unemployment rate (% , urban areas)	6.4	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.8
Consumer price index (% change, period-end)	-0.6	0.8	4.0	3.0	9.0	5.0
Public Sector						
Government balance (% GDP)	-2.8	-2.9	-2.0	-2.2	-2.5	-2.5
Domestic public sector debt (accumulated, % GDP)	2.0	3.3	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.5
Foreign Trade, BOP and External Debt						
Trade balance (\$US million)	-1,187	-1,135	-3,027	-5,141	-5,865	-6,323
Exports of goods, (\$US million)	14,448	15,027	16,706	20,176	24,009	28,331
Exports of goods (% change, previous year)	25.2	4.0	11.2	20.8	19.0	18.0
Key Exports, (value, % change, previous year) - crude oil	67.5	-10.8	4.6	16.8	25.0	5.0
Imports of goods, (\$US million)	15,655	16,162	19,733	25,317	29,875	34,655
Imports of goods (% change, previous year)	34.7	3.2	22.1	28.3	18.0	16.0
Current account balance (\$US million)	503	670	-500	-1,930	-1,990	-1,820
Current account balance (percent GDP)	1.5	2.1	-1.1	-4.7	-4.4	-3.8
Foreign direct investment (\$US million)	800	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,300
Total external debt -DOD- (\$US billion)	12.8	12.6	13.3	14.8	15.9	16.6
Total external debt (% GDP)	41.2	38.5	38.1	37.8	37.1	35.7
Short-term debt (\$US billion)	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Debt service ratio (% exports of g&s) - public	7.6	6.8	6.0	5.5	5.0	5.0
Reserves, including gold (\$US million)	3,030	3,400	3,700	4,900	6,300	6,500
Reserves (in weeks of imports)	10.9	9.7	8.7	9.7	10	10.2
Financial Markets						
Credit to the economy (% change, period-end)	38.1	21.4	22.2	25.0	22.0	21.0
Short-term interest rate (3-M deposits, period-end)	4.3	5.9	7.0	7.2	7.5	7.0
Exchange rate (period-end)	14,514	15,084	15,368	15,625	15,900	16,220
Nominal exchange rate (% change, previous year)	3.5	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0
Stock market index (period-end, July 2000=100)	207	232	183	166	250	250

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Source: GSO, SBV, IMF and WB